
The Inn at Tabbs Creek

Port Haywood

The Inn at Tabbs Creek is a bed and breakfast offering waterfront lodging with full breakfast and many other amenities. Six rooms are available, all with their own private bath. One of the Inn's core values is environmental sustainability.



GREEN ACTIVITIES

- ☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
 - Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
 - Change linens only upon request
 - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
 - Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
 - All linens are either made from organic cotton or bamboo blend. All mattresses are topped with a 100% natural latex pillow top pad.
- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
 - Have recycling bins located in every guest room and also in the main common area
 - Also recycle office paper, cardboard, electronic equipment
 - Track overall solid waste costs
 - Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
 - Much of the remodel of the Inn was accomplished through using recycled materials such as lumber, insulation, windows, bathroom fixtures and more.

Guest rooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use cloth napkins
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute) and low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective storm water management plan which includes rain gardens, pervious pavement, and minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Building Construction and Renovation

- During remodel, improved thermal integrity of buildings by insulating in all areas possible with formaldehyde-free insulation. Also replaced 25 single pane windows with low e argon filled new windows. Installed an on-demand hot water heater system for the Inn to reduce energy consumption as well.

For more information on **The Inn at Tabbs Creek**, see www.innattabbscreek.com or contact Greg Dusenberry at www.innattabbscreek@gmail.com or (804) 725-5136.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations. **Virginia Green Partners** are committing to help support the program and encourage their customers to join or do business with Virginia Green-certified participants. Although not necessarily tourism facilities themselves, Partners are expected to practice green activities in their own facilities as well. For more information on **Virginia Green**, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html> or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.

